

I DO NOT SUPPORT RM-10781. Why do amateur radio operators need incentives to upgrade? How about incentives to participate more in activities, or actually get on the radio and use what we have been given? Six meters in the Kansas City metropolitan area is virtually dead! I believe that there is one semi-active six meter repeater in the area! Field day in some clubs is dominated by the cronies who hog the gear and could care less if anyone in the community comes by to watch, or get interested in amateur radio. Just try to volunteer to help out and you'd think you'd asked if it's ok to cut the coax! How do old timers volunteer to be mentors to young people and their organizations around town? What about women becoming ham operators? Minorities? No way....we don't even want our own folks to use frequencies that are reserved for Morse code operators who most likely have forgotten or aren't really interested in the code. Should we stay an elite organization with a hierarchy of power that gets its support from an organization that only hears a few voices? Let's see how much of QSL Magazine is devoted to things above 30 MHz! It's time to make some changes and allow all operators a bit of equality, not continue on with much of the same limits as before. The more you know about theory and electronics does not make one a good operator! It might make you a better builder, and it certainly gives you something to talk about on 80 meters! Terrence Glass, N0YXE